

The author has given particular attention to the physical metallurgy of molybdenum and to the engineering properties of the metal and its alloys. Special emphasis is placed on the problems involved in the low oxidation resistance of molybdenum, the embrittlement of the metal at low temperatures, and the effects of cold working and heat treatments on its mechanical properties at low temperatures. The various types of protective coatings and available methods for joining molybdenum and its alloys are discussed in some detail.

The greatest use of molybdenum has been as an alloying element in iron and steel. This use of the element is not reviewed in the present book, since the literature on this application is very extensive and suitably covered in other books. Similarly, the specific use of the pure metal in small sections—wire and sheet—for high-temperature service in lamps and electronic valves is not included.

The presentation and arrangement of the data, in general, are very good, and the author has succeeded in keeping the size of the book down to 222 pages. Most of the 50 tables and 104 illustrations are well referenced, and this feature is appreciated by the reader who wishes to obtain further details on the different experimental investigations. Adequate references are given conveniently at the end of each chapter.

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### The Growth and Structure of Motives.

Psychological studies in the theory of action. James Olds. Free Press, Glencoe, Ill. 277 pp. \$5.

In this series of papers the author attempts, by means of the formal, deductive approach made popular in psychology by Hull, to fashion a theory of motivation from a neurological terminology of Hebbian origin. After a brief introductory chapter, there follows a competent, but now dated, review of the experimental literature of secondary reinforcement. There is little continuity between this and the succeeding chapters, and very little future use is made of the material reviewed.

In Chapter 3 a "limited theory of reward" is presented, which culminates in a rather formal listing of postulates and definitions which allegedly constitute a "theoretical explanation of motivated behavior." We are advised at the outset of this chapter that "It is my firm belief that the techniques of measurement and variation suggested here will contribute a lasting increment to the psychology of learned motivation. . . ." However, the author fails to deliver the goods. With the possibility of one exception, he does

not even hint at techniques of measurement and in fact scarcely mentions the topic again. The primary fruits of some 19 postulates and seven definitions are a reinterpretation of a number of Tolmanian concepts and a derivation of "latent learning." Finally, he suggests an experimental "program" which yields one variable of interest.

Chapter 4 represents an attempt to interpret the structure developed in the preceding chapter "as an action system as that term has been defined by Parsons, Bales, and Shils." The analogy seems terribly strained and rather pointless. The final chapter, on the other hand, yields an interesting and sometimes ingenious discussion of the sequential properties of behavior and its temporal integration. In my opinion, the book is unlikely to be of interest to those who are not psychologists, and even among them the extent of its potential appeal is problematical.

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